

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 15, 2010  
7:00 PM**

Council President Stylianou called the meeting to order  
**Flag Salute; Silent Prayer**

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont on January 5, 2010.

**Roll Call:**

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present  
Mayor McHale-absent (excused)

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

**Proclamation** presented by Council President Stylianou and Police Commissioner Manna to Sylvia Tursi, a long-time crossing guard who is retiring. Assisting her was Officer DiGirolamo.

**Proclamation** presented by Council President Stylianou and Recreation Commission liaison to the Varsity Baseball Team

Motion to recess: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the May 18, 2010 Executive Meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes

Council members Carrick and Zamechansky-abstained

Motion to approve the May 18, 2010 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes

Council members Carrick and Zamechansky-abstained

Motion to approve the May 19, 2010 Emergency Meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

Motion to approve the June 1, 2010 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

Motion to approve the June 1, 2010 Executive Session minutes: Councilman Caspare

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

### **Administrator's Report**

The intersection at Washington and Virginia is complete. There are several issues which will be addressed by the County.

The lightning detection system installation was begun today.

The new recycling and garbage contracts are underway.

Mr. Perkins is waiting for a response from CSX regarding missing wood spacers and Madison and New Milford Avenue.

Final approval was received today reallocating leftover Community Development monies not used at the Veteran's Plaza project to be used now for barrier-free doors at the Library.

The Bergen County Utilities Authority will be bringing a shredder to the Borough for use by residents at no cost to the town. Dumont will receive credit for the tonnage to be recycled.

The Borough is looking into third party programs for the purchase of electricity at a much lower rate than PSE&G offers.

Yesterday the Joint Insurance Fund conducted an in-house seminar dealing with harassment and liability issues. All departments were represented.

Mr. Perkins and the Borough Auditor went to Trenton to present an application to the Local Finance Board seeking authorization to consolidate \$8.4 million in notes. This could cut the costs in half.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Stylianou

#### *Environmental Commission*

The Councilman and his daughter attended the annual Mayor's Challenge at the Oradell Reservoir. The event raises awareness of the reservoir and the environment. It also raises money. Activities included kayak races and bird watching.

#### *5K Race*

The Board of Education has approved the use of the high school as the starting and finish points.

Councilwoman Zamechansky and Recreation Commissioner Janet Galligan were instrumental in coordinating a pre-race pasta dinner. The Knights of Columbus will donate the entire evening. The net proceeds will go to Dumont Cares Fund to help families in need in town.

#### *Ordinance & Resolution Committee*

The committee has been working diligently on an ordinance dealing with public contracting reform, which is on the agenda tonight for first reading.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

#### *Senior Citizens*

They just returned from a trip to Wildwood Crest.

The Rocking Horse Ranch trip is scheduled for September.

The Mayor's luncheon will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus.

#### *Recreation Commission*

There were 484 children who signed up for the summer camp program. It begins June 28<sup>th</sup> and ends August 6<sup>th</sup>.

There will be three summer concerts; dates to be announced.

There was a residential fire Memorial Day. Half of the Fire Department was delayed in getting to it because a train came. This was a prime example as to why Fire Departments are necessary on both sides of the tracks.

The Summit Avenue park was rededicated in honor of Christopher DeAngelis.

A dog ordinance, which the Ordinance Committee did not approve, was referred to the Recreation Commission. The Commissioners were opposed to the idea of a dog park since at this point it is difficult to accommodate all the sports at the parks. In addition, the estimated cost of a dog park is between \$50,000-\$75,000. Councilman Carrick said he would like a dog park.

Memorial Day was a success. This was the last year the Celebrations Committee will run the parade.

- Councilman Carrick

#### *Shade Tree Commission*

The Councilman thanked the Commission and the Board of Education for the planting of a tree in Debra Shanley's memory.

#### *DPW*

It is running very well.

- Councilman Caspare

#### *Fire Department*

There were 25 alarms in May; total man hours was 739.

There were two working fires.

A couple of weeks ago an autistic child was reported lost. The Councilman commended the residents and the police in Dumont and surrounding towns for helping to find him.

#### *Board of Education*

Councilman Freeman was unable to attend the so Councilman Caspare went in his place. Retirees were honored. Mr. Hoffman was honored as "Teacher of the Year". The new cad room was dedicated to Ms. Shanley.

- Councilman Freeman

#### *Board of Education*

The Board of Education opted out the state health insurance plan and was able to save \$125,000 this year and \$50,000 next year. Adding that to the net savings, \$155,000 worth of programs was reinstated.

#### *Library*

They are lobbying on County and State levels regarding cuts in funding.

- Councilman Manna

#### *Finance*

The Committee has been exploring additional budget reductions. As a result, the budget has been cut way below what was anticipated. Following the cut in state aid, there was a gap of approximately \$500,000. The budget was introduced at \$237.00 on an assessed value of a \$382,000 home. Following the adoption of the amendment, the amount is \$127.00.

#### *Police*

The Dispatch Center received a total of 3,634 telephone calls. The patrol division investigated 41 motor vehicle accidents. Patrol officers issued 279 motor vehicle summonses. They also issued 112 dark house advisory notices to residents. The Detective Bureau investigated 75 criminal cases and conducted 13 background checks on residents applying for firearms.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- #10-161 Support of Repeal of Kyleigh's Law \*
- #10-162 Approval of Block Party Stratford Road, June 26, 2010 \*
- #10-163 Approval of Block Party Highland Avenue, June 26, 2010 \*
- #10-164 Approval of Relocation of Bus Stop on Washington Avenue at New Milford Avenue \*
- #10-165 Approval of Agreement with County of Bergen for Emergency Services Notification System \*
- #10-166 State Body Armor Replacement Grant Endorsement \*
- #10-167 Bills List –moved to non-consent agenda
- #10-168 Authorization of T&M to Proceed with CDBG 2010 Dixon Library and Senior Center Handicap Access-\$19,750.00 \*
- #10-169 Authorization of T&M to Proceed with Supplemental EIT Phase I Project-\$46,750.00 \*
- #10-170 Snow Plowing Program Agreement with County for term 2010-2012 \*
- #10-171 Approval of DHS Music Boosters 50/50 Raffle to be held September 11, 2010, RL#278; ID#109-5-36714 \*
- #10-172 Approval of Renewal of Liquor License Applications \*
- #10-173 Approval of Renewal of Coin Machine Licenses \*
- #10-174 Approval of Renewal of Limousine & Taxi Licenses \*
- #10-175 Approval of Petty Cash Account for Recreation Trust \*
- #10-176 Appointment of John Perkins as Open Space Committee Representative \*
- #10-177 Anthony Vinci-Approval of Application to Dumont Fire Department \*
- #10-178 Christopher Breun-Approval of Application to Dumont Fire Department \*

- #10-179 Request for Approval of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Shade Tree Donations \*
- #10-180 Luis Diaz-Hire as Part-time DPW Seasonal Employee-\$10.00 per hour \*
- #10-181 Authorization for Tax Collector to Prepare & Mail Estimated Tax Bills \*
- #10-182 Designation of Bank Depository and Signatories for Recreation Accounts \*
- #10-183 Release of Performance Bond-EDEN Bergenfield Realty \*
- #10-184 Police Dispatcher Ryan Kane-Accept Resignation \*
- #10-185 Bond Resolution Providing for the Sale and Issuance of not to exceed \$8,530,000 Principal Amount of General Obligation General Improvement Bonds, Series 2010A and Determining the Form and other Details of such Bonds Authorized in and by the Borough of Dumont \*
- #10-186 Approval of Block Party on Randolph Avenue to be held July 24, 2010 \*

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked about Resolution #185. He thanked Mr. Perkins for trying to get the Borough the best rate possible. He wanted to know when we are going to pay down the debt and stop doing projects.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

### **Non-Consent Agenda Items**

#### **#10-167- Bills List**

Councilman Carrick asked about two payments to the Board of Education and a payment to the Bergen County Animal Shelter and Nature's Choice.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked if the bills list could be posted on the website prior to the meeting.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes  
Councilwoman Zamechansky abstained.

#### **#10-187 2010 Budget Amendment**

Councilman Manna stated that the preliminary budget was introduced in January. Since then there have been meetings at the Senior Center and at Borough Hall. The garbage and recycling contracts had not been resolved until recently. The department

heads were also told to review their line items and determine what was absolutely necessary. As a result, over \$699,000 was cut from the initial budget which resulted in a municipal tax of \$127.00.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes  
Councilman Carrick-no

## **ORDINANCES**

### *Second Reading*

**#1380** Bond Ordinance Providing for Open Park Improvements, providing an appropriation of \$600,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$289,000 bonds and/or notes of the borough for paying the cost of said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

**#1410** Ordinance to Change the Name of Babe Ruth Field to Veteran's Memorial Field

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

### *First Reading*

**#1411** Ordinance for Public Contracting Reform

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Councilman Stylianou, chairperson of the Ordinance Committee, explained that he and the other committee members- Council members Carrick and Manna-spent hundreds of hours reviewing other “Pay to Play” ordinances adopted in other towns and speaking to representatives in some of those towns to get their feedback on how these ordinances have affected their day-to-day operations. They got input from Citizens Campaign Reform, which is the agency that crafted the model ordinance most towns have based their own on. The Committee attended a seminar given by Continuing Legal Education where professionals spoke on this topic. The members debated endlessly on how each line in the proposed ordinance would affect the Borough. The ordinance being introduced tonight is also based on the Citizens Campaign model ordinance.

This ordinance prohibits any professional or vendor who seeks to do business with the Borough from contributing more than \$300.00 per election cycle to any candidate for Mayor or Council. If the entity does contribute more, they would be disqualified from doing business for a period of eighteen months.

Councilman Stylianou stated that in some cases this ordinance is a lot stricter than the model ordinance. There are very strict anti-wheeling provisions. There is also a dollar one reporting requirement which means the candidate must report all money and in-kind contributions regardless of dollar value. This does not aim to restrict grassroots fundraising.

Councilwoman Zamechansky commended the Committee. She, Councilman Caspare and Councilman Freeman were not permitted to attend the Ordinance Committee meetings.

Councilman Carrick stated this ordinance is about Dumont, not the County, and that the article in the Record raised many questions.

Councilman Manna stated that this ordinance is not consistent within the whole State. He feels reform is needed but this ordinance is more campaign finance reform than public contracting reform. The reform should begin at the State level.

Councilman Freeman stated that this ordinance is necessary. One can win an election with a small amount of money.

Councilman Caspare stated that although the Committee has been working on this ordinance for quite a while, he only received it recently and feels rushed. He feels that some of it is needed but does not agree with parts of it..

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

Council members Caspare and Manna-no

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, said that people are watching his videos. He asked if all Borough employees are getting raises and whether it is across the board.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman  
All in favor.

Motion to recess to Executive Chambers: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Freeman  
All in favor.

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Carrick  
Second: Councilman Freeman  
All in favor.

Councilwoman Zamechansky reported that the Little League will be holding a tournament and would like to extend the lights-on time past 10:00 PM. It was the consensus that the Borough Administrator and the Police Chief should be informed.

She also asked for a consensus on a last minute request from the Jr. Football for a coin toss fundraiser June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> as long as the Police Chief approves.

The Councilwoman was also asked about having a stop sign installed at the corner of Stratford, Avon and Andover.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Caspare  
Second: Councilman Manna  
All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Connelly, RMC  
Borough Clerk